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1. PERM REP SOURCE WHO HAS PARTICIPATE IN RECENT COMMITTEE FOR
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES (COREPER) MEETING IN PREPARATION FOR
THE KINGSTON ACP MINISTERIAL HAS PROVIDED US THE FOLLOWING INFOR-
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MATION REGARDING THE EC POSITION FOR THE MEETING.

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2. AT THEIR JULY 18 MEETING, THE COREPER AGREED TO THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT ON RECIPROCITY FOR PRESENTATION TO THE COUNCIL OF FOREIGN MINISTERS JULY 22-23.

BEGIN TEXT:

1. THE OBJECTIVE OF THE CONVENTION IS TO PROMOTE MUTUAL TRADE, TAKING INTO A COUNT THE LEVEL OF DEVELOPEMENT OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES AND THE NEED TO ENSURE THAT THE ARRANGE-MENTS CONCLUDED BY THE CONTRACTING PARTIES ARE AS STABLE AS POSSIBLE AND NOT LIABLE TO BE CALLED INTO QUESTION BY THIRD COUNTRIES WITH REGARD TO GATT.

2. THE CONTRACTING PARTIES SHALL GRANT TO EACH OTHER MOST FAVORED NATION TREATMENT INSOFAR AS BOTH IMPORTS AND EXPORTS ARE CONCERNED.

3. AS SOON AS THE CONVENTION ENTERS INTO FORCE THE EC WILL GRANT FULL ACCESS TO ITS MARKETS FOR MOST PRODUCTS FROM THE ACP COUNTRIES.

4. (A) IN VIEW OF THEIR STATE OF DEVELOPEMENT, THE ACP COUNTRIES WILL NOT BE REQUIRED TO ACCEPT FOR THEIR PART ANY CORRESPONDING OBLIGATIONS.
(B)MOREOVER THE ACP STATES ARE ENTITLED TO DEROGATE FROM THE MFN CLAUSE IN FAVOR OF OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

5.THE ACP STATES SHALL UNDERTAKE NOT TO DISCRIMINATE BETWEEN MEMBER STATES INCLUDING THEIR COMMERCIAL OPERATORS AND NATIONALS, AND TO TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS TO ENSURE THAT THEIR PUBLIC AUTHORITIESDO NOT DISCRIMINATE EITHER.END TEXT.
3. OUR SOURCE ANTICIPATE FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION BY THE COUNCIL AND INFORMS US THAT BRUSSELS-BASED ACP AMEBASSADORS WHO ARE FAMILIAR WITH THE STATEMENT'S GENERAL OUTLINE HAVE REACTED FAVORABLY. HE EMPHASIZED THE FACT THAT THE EC'S POSITION ON RECIPROCITY WILL THUS PROVIDE THE ACP'S AN A PRIORI MIGHT NOT REPEAT NOT TO RECIPROCATE.

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4. THE ACP'S MAY AT KINGSTON RAISE QUESTION REGARDING THE DEFINITION OF "MOST PRODUCTS" (PARA 3 OF THE RECIPROCITY STATEMENT). WE ARE INFORMED THAT WITH RESPECT TO AGRI-CULTURAL PRODUCTS,THIS MEANS FREE ENTRY FOR TROPICAL PRODUCTS AND "BETTER TREATMENT THAN THIRD COUNTRIES" FOR CAP PRODUCTS.GREENWALD

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